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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF JANUARY 7, 2009

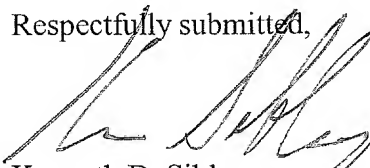
Sir:

This is in response to the Requirement for Restriction, mailed January 7, 2009. If any extension of time for the accompanying response beyond that filed concurrently herewith, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Applicants hereby elect **Group IV** for substantive examination.

The Requirement for Restriction is respectfully traversed. It is respectfully submitted that all groups are related to one another and that they contain a common core porphyrin structure with only different substituents thereon. It is submitted that a search of one group would overlap with the search of the other groups. It is submitted that the unity of invention requirement is met by the presence of the common porphyrin core structure. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that these groups should be examined together.

Respectfully submitted,



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